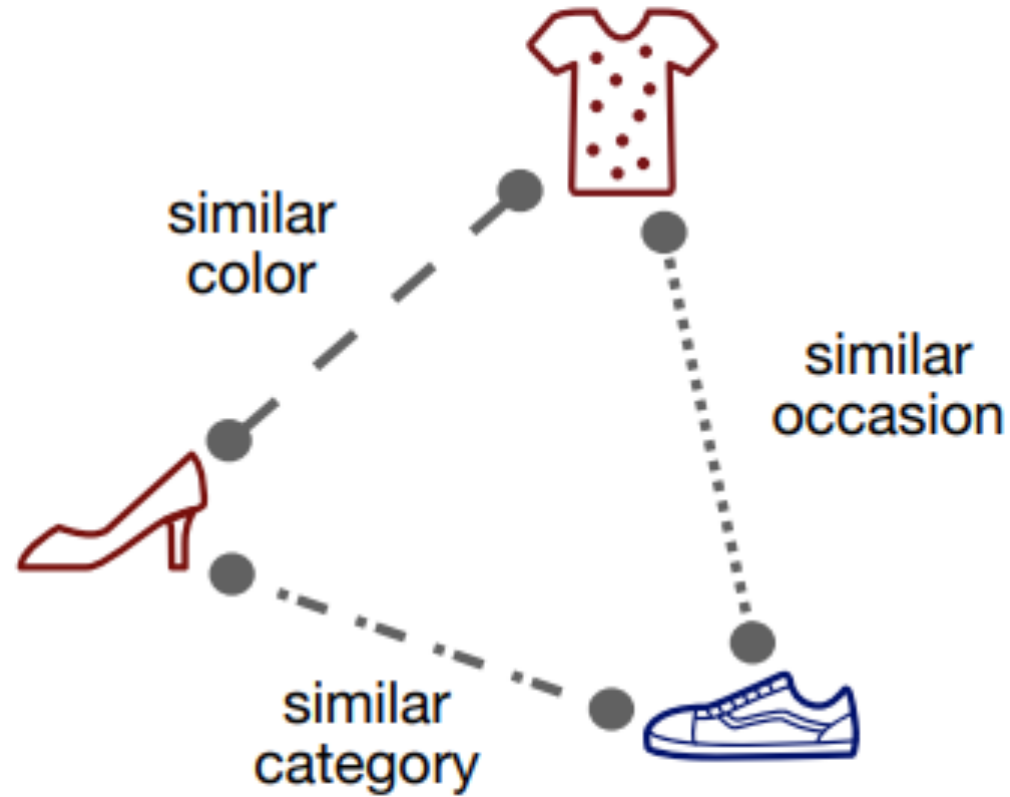
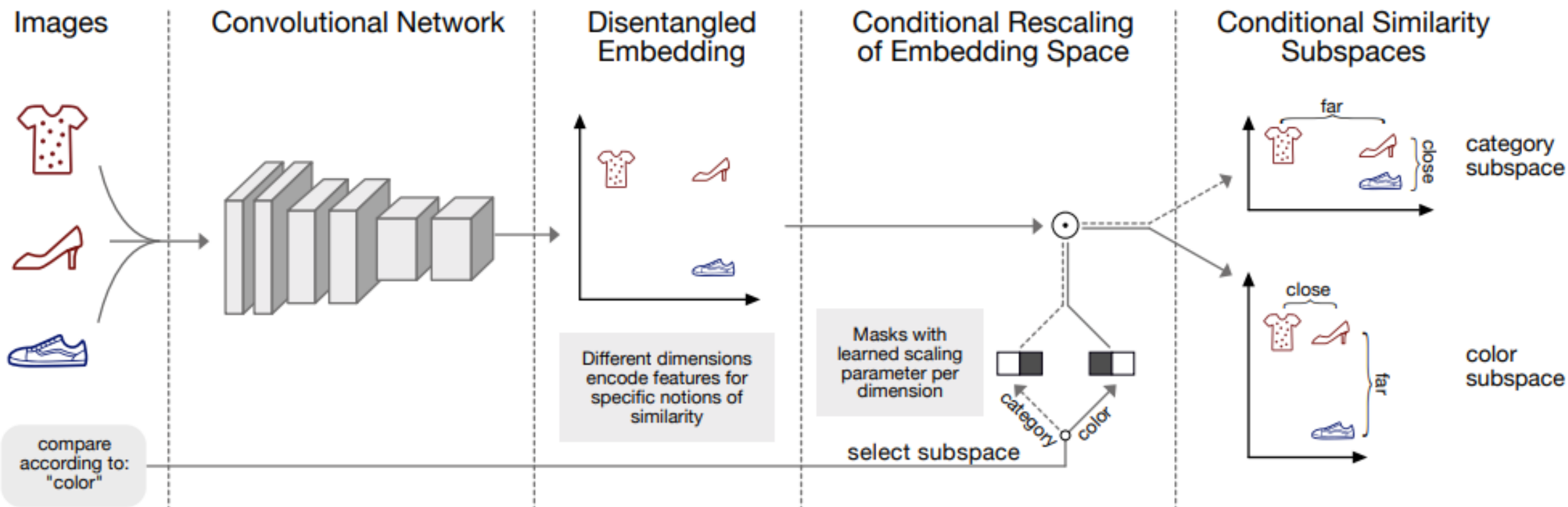


Conditional Similarity Network





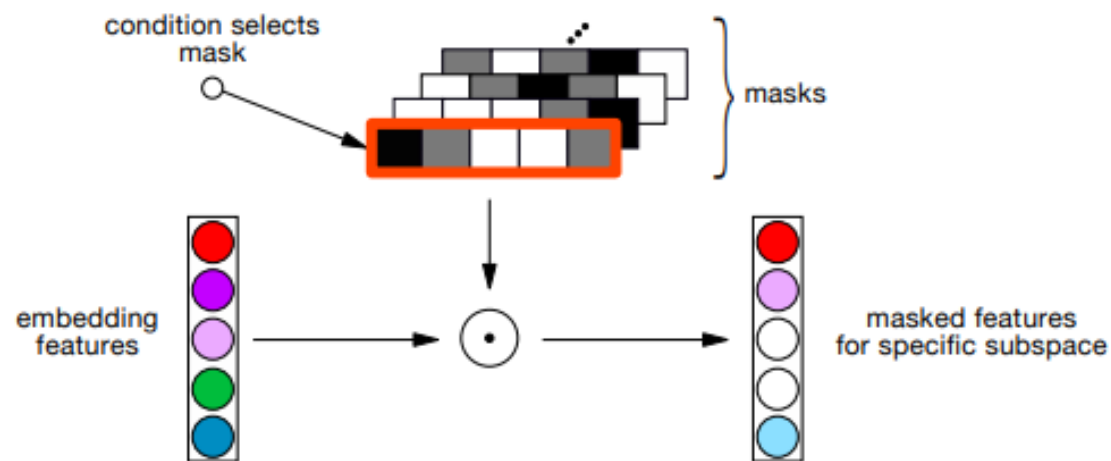
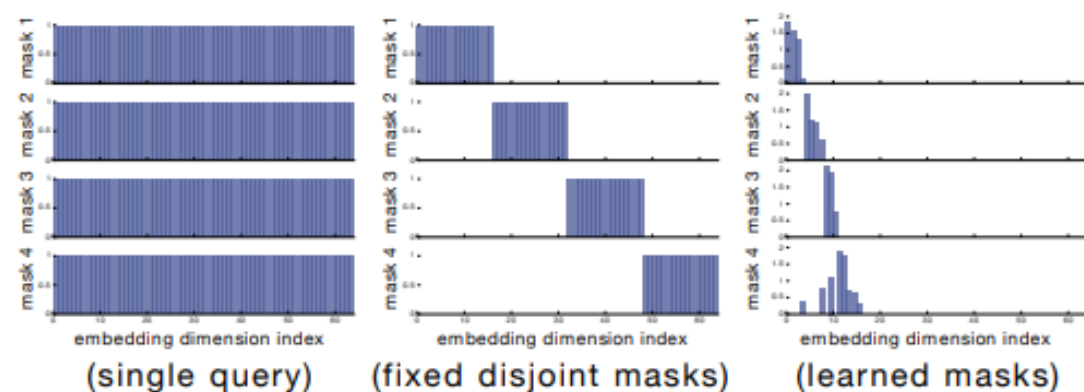


Figure 3. The masking operation selects relevant embedding dimensions, given a condition index. Masking can be seen as a soft gating function, to attend to a particular concept.



$$\mathcal{T}_\downarrow = \{(i, j, l; c) \mid s_c(x_i, x_j) > s_c(x_i, x_l)\}. \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_T(x_i, x_j, x_l) &= \max\{0, D(x_i, x_j) - D(x_i, x_l) + h\} \\ D(x_i, x_j) &= \|f(x_i; \theta) - f(x_j; \theta)\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_T(x_i, x_j, x_l, c; m, \theta) &= \\ \max\{0, D(x_i, x_j; m_c, \theta) - D(x_i, x_l; m_c, \theta) + h\} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$D(x_i, x_j; m_c, \theta) = \|f(x_i; \theta)m_c - f(x_j; \theta)m_c\|_2. \quad (3)$$

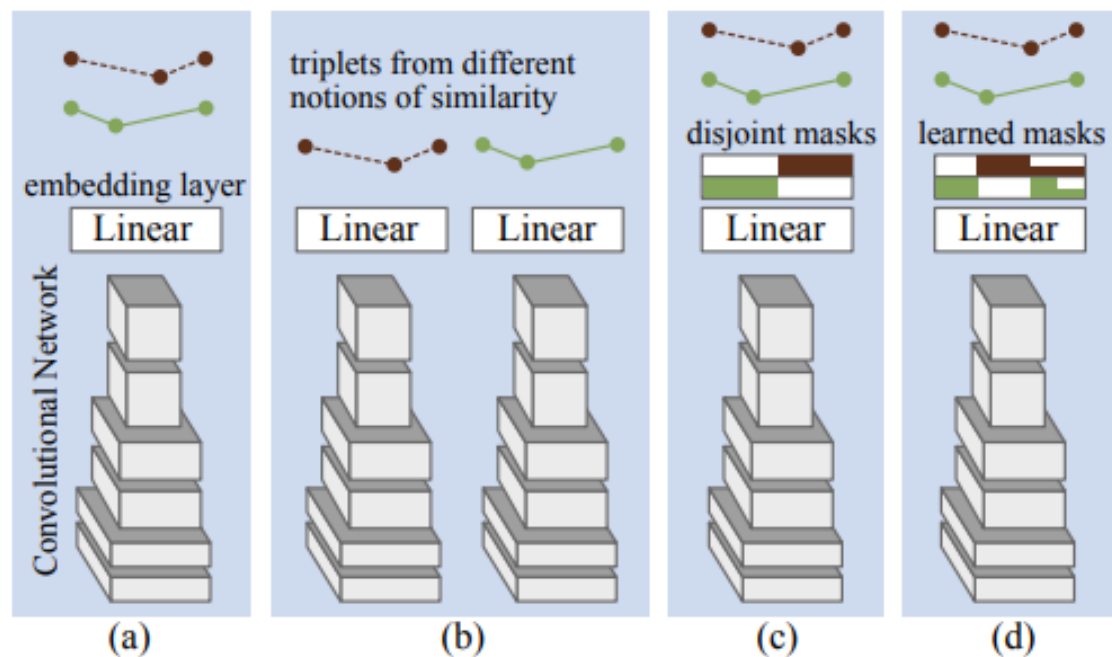
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{CSN}(\mathbf{x}, \{\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{c}\}; \mathbf{m}, \theta) &= \\ \mathcal{L}_T(x_{t_0}, x_{t_1}, x_{t_2}, c; \mathbf{m}, \theta) &+ \lambda_1 \mathcal{L}_W(\mathbf{x}, \theta) + \lambda_2 \mathcal{L}_M(\mathbf{m}) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$



(a) Embedding according to the closure mechanism



(b) Embedding groups of boots, slippers, shoes and sandals



| Method | Error Rate |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Standard Triplet Network | 23.72% |
| Set of Specialized Triplet Networks | 11.35% |
| CSN fixed disjoint masks | 10.79% |
| CSN learned masks | 10.73% |

